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CHURCH INTERFERENCE IN POLITICAL AFFAIRS

irst Blow Struck for Breaking Shackles of the People of Utah

EXTRACT FROM DECLARA-

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Representative Men of State Organize to Fight Church Rule

litical Arena of Great State to Be Freed From the Apostolic Ring.

early two hundred representative citizens of Lake City and county, many of whom are g the largest property-holders in the State, inent in business and politics, met at the Auerbuilding last night to organize against the neering influence of the Mormon church in the s of state.

ollowing deliberations that were earnest and ghtful, every man in that company rose to his and pledged "our life, our liberty, our property our sacred honor" to the movement inaugurated has for its purpose the overthrowing of the ch as a temporal power.

Not a Man Hesitated.

Then this crisis in the meeting was reached not n hesitated and a demonstration followed the f which has not been seen since the momentuays when for the same purpose as impelled last night, men and women banded themselves ake of Utah an American territory uncursed by sastical influences.

ast night's meeting, all who were there agree, a period in the life of Utah from which will ated a movement that shall not end until the on church leaders consent to the eliminating jesteraft from statecraft forever.

iring last night's proceedings the point was that a similar movement was undertaken dure Senatorial investigation and that for reasons osed to be selfish that a newspaper withdrew pport at a time that was fatal to the success t movement. Several present demanded to if the press would earnestly and continuously e and support the organization there to be ed. The point was made that the assistance influential newspaper is necessary to the s of the movement, at this time.

Fibune Will Heartily Support Move.

anager Joseph Lippman of The Tribune was for an expression as to the attitude The Tribrould take in the matter. He made positive ment that The Tribune was not only opposed urch domination in the affairs of the State but if the gentlemen present would pledge their to contribute their time and means to the supof a movement to eliminate the Mormon church directing and controlling power in public s, that The Tribune would make the fight st this power to the very end.

r. Lippman, when catechised as to the perncy and the character of the newspaper's supdeclared that so long as the organization efwages the warfare from the true American

point in public affairs in Utab, that The Tribune will do all in its power to create and crystalize that sentiment necessary to success.

David Keith, who was present and who is one of the largest stockholders in the paper, personally endorsed the pledge of Mr. Lippman, and when asked privately if Senator Thomas Kearns would also endorse it, said, "Yes, sir. Tom and I are together in this as in other things."

Every Man Present Made Pledge.

Acting on the suggestion of The Tribune representative every man in the room made the pledge noted in the foregoing.

The meeting last night was the result of a few conferences held by well known business and professional men during the past week. In these conferences the scope of the work to be suggested to a larger meeting was discussed and a committee composed of five Democrats and five Republicans was appointed to suggest a plan of procedure.

This committee reported at last night's meeting, a minority favoring a Voting League which would pick out candidates from the political parties and recommend their support. The majority favored the organizing of a new party in Utah, which will nominate a ticket made up strictly of citizens friendly to the American movement. To act on this report the meeting last night was called. Judge John A. Street was made chairman of the meeting and J. E. Darmer secretary.

On call for the report of the committee of ten William Nelson, for the committee, read the recommendation of both the minority and the majority members and presented the following declaration:

Here Is Declaration of Principles.

Whereas, an experience of fourteen years since the first material sign of the abatement of troubled conditions here was seen in the promulgation of the Woodruff manifesto, has shown that the promises made were crafty and insincere; that the soughtfor division of the people on party lines was not carried out in good faith; that both party organizations have been dominated and used for the double purpose of maintaining an ecclesiastical control which had no regard for either, and of preventing remonstrance or opposition by those who favor the free exercise of individual judgment and preferesce in political allairs; and

Whereas, repeated experiences, emphasized by events just past, have fully proved that this ecclesiastical dominance is all powerful and persistent, and that it cannot be shaken off so long as those who oppose it are divided into hostile camps, but on the contrary since such division of the friends and supporters of American institutions, their voices are stifled and the hands are strengthened of the crafty manipulators of the church power and its application to political affairs; therefore, be it resolved:

Oppose Church Intrusion in Politics.

1. That we will no longer play into the hands of the church leaders by a division which simply panders to their desires and purposes.

2. That we will repel with every means at our command the intrusion of ecclesiasticism into politics or the affairs of state.

3. That we refuse to merge Utah affairs in any National party action, since the divison thus created paralyzes every effort to Americanize the State.

4. That so far as affairs here are concerned, any division on party lines is a sham and a farce, every pledge of the ecclesiastical power to refrain from direction in the political affairs of the people having been shamelessly violated; every pretense of letting politics alone a shameful and shallow mockery.

5. That we will never cease to demand the complete freedom in political affairs, untouched by any taint of apostolic control; that we demand the complete separation of church and state, in fact as well as in name, and that we will repel to the utmost all efforts to perpetuate the ecclesiastical control of public affairs in Utah.

No Church Control of Public Schools.

6. That the public schools are the especial pride of the American people; we resent the grasping domination of the ecclesiastical power therein, and pledge ourselves to shake it off at the earliest possible moment. Church control of the schools must

We disclaim most emphatically and positively any desire or purpose to attack any church or to assail any one's religious sentiments or church affiliations; our purpose is as set forth herein, and no

Appealing to all fair-minded citizens of Utah to sustain us in this, our righteous purpose, definitely, surely and forever to separate church and state, and asking in this the support of every lover of American institutions, we declare the occasion for this to be timely, and the provocation repeated and extreme. Come with us, and let us redeem the State.

The declaration was unanimously adopted and enthusiastically cheered.

Discussion by Judge Samuel McDowell, William F. Snyder, Judge H. J. Dinning and others of the recommendation of the majority and minority reports of the committee on procedure resulted in unanimous endorsement of the majority reportthat an American party be organized.

Suggestion was made that the new party be given the name of Liberal, but this was not ap-

Following consideration of the attitude of The Tribune and the personal pledge of all present to stand shoulder to shoulder in the movement and to make it the purpose of every one to work unceasingly until the State of Utah is free from the domineering influence of the church, the following committees were appointed:

Here Are the Committees.

Executive-H. J. Dinniny, P. J. Daly, George L. Nye, Willard F. Snyder and Judge John A. Street.

Finance-W. Mont Ferry, J. D. Wood, W. P.

Dictatorship of Apostle Smoot and Church Intrusion in Politics Must Stop.

Noble, H. G. McMillan and David Keith.

For members of the organization committee it was left to the chairman to appoint five Republicans and five Democrats from the following names: Judge Ogden Hiles, E. B. Critchlow, H. G. McMillan, W. F. Snyder, Henry C. Hill, J. D. Wood, W. P. Noble, Col. E. A. Wall, C. E. Allen, M. H. Walker, George R. Hancock, F. J. Kiesel, J. W. Cahoon, P. L. Williams, William Nelson, Samuel McDowell, Ezra Thompson, J. E. Darmer, E. W. Wilson, H. J. Dinniny, John Dern, H. P. Henderson, J. C. Leary, George L. Nye, William H. Dickson, Rudolph Alff, E. F. Colborn, Frank J. Cannon and John A. Street. Judge Street will announce this committee tomorrow.

The committee on finance and the executive committee had a meeting directly after the close of the general meeting. The former was instructed to raise funds for defraying expenses of a general meeting to be called by the executive committee as soon as arrangements may be made.

General Meeting Will Be Held.

At this general meeting every citizen of Utah who is opposed to the domineering of the church in the affairs of the public will be invited to attend. It is the purpose of the new organization to launch a movement at that time that will result in the nominating of a strictly American ticket exclusive of Presidential electors.

So far as the National candidates are concerned every one will be left free to vote as he may desire, but it was the sentiment of the meeting last night. that in local politics Democrats and Republicans had "burned their bridges" until the public curse of church rule has been entirely eliminated from the affairs of the State.

Who Were Present at Meeting.

Among those present at the organization meeting were W. Mont Ferry, H. J. Dinniny, J. D. Wood, W. P. Noble, H. G. McMillan, David Keith, Joseph Lippman, Charles E. Bell, E. B. Critchlow, Dan Dunne, Isaac Hazelgrove, A. H. Kelly, S. P. Armstrong, W. B. Allen, Willard F. Snyder, Rudolph Alff, George R. Hancock, Capt. James Black, B. B. Heywood, James Kennelly, J. R. Morris, John A. Street, J. J. Stewart, A. R. Carter, Capt. Miner, J. W. Cahoon, D. Elliott Kelly, George L. Nye, J. E. Darmer, Judge Samuel McDowell, Frank A. Swenson, A. C. Reese, E. W. Kelly, William Nelson, Dr. Henry La Motte, C. E. Offenbach, G. R. Cleaveland, Henry F. Heath, J. J. Myers, Archibald Stuart and Maurice Stifel.

tain Drops on War Stage

of World Watchers Is Shut Out From Scene in the Far East.

is no news from the far East, m Russian or Japanese sources. world-watchers of the great tragcurtain has been dropped and all cture. Not even an expression of mes from Japanese sources, but Petersburg it is indicated that rities are confident the critical the Russian retreat is past and patkin no longer is in danger any part of his forces to the pur-

slan commander has arrived at and it is given out in St. Peterst the bulk of his army is now near hile a dispatch from Mukden to clated Press filed Tuesday says main Russian army is pushing d and evacuating that place. It ed that the Japanese are still the Russian rear, than this nothing is known. An news silence prevails.

OOL CHILDREN STRIKE.

undred in Chicago Protest inst Change in Principal.

GO, Sept. 7.—A strike of up-200 school children was de-

clared at the Longfellow school today because the Longrellow school today because the principal had been trans-ferred since the close of the last term. The children say they will not go to school until he comes back. Later the little "strikers" decided to go back to the school and submit to the

rule of the new principal. The end of the "strike" followed a conference be-tween the mothers of several of the dissatisfied pupils and the new principal.

HAD PECULIAR EXPERIENCE

Printer Accused of Bigamy, Released and Wedded in Few Minutes.

CHICAGO, Sept. 7 .- Accused of bigamy, released from custody by a writ of habeas corpus, and married five min-utes afterward, has been the experience

of David Metcalf, a printer.

Metcalf married the woman who caused his arrest, the Judge who granted his release performing the ceremony in the presence of his first wife. The proceedings took place in Judge Chet-Metcalf married Mrs. Lucy Metcalf

Metcaif married Mrs. Lucy Metcaif in 1882. They separated several years ago, and Metcaif, who is 53, won Miss Lucy Rounds, who is 20. Then Met-caif brought suit for divorce against his wife. Through a misunderstanding he asserts, he thought the decree had been granted, and married Miss Hounds. Rounds

Mrs. Metcalf No. 1 knew Miss Rounds and wife No. 2 soon learned her hus-band had not been legally divorced. Her relatives caused his arrest. Miss Met-calf No. 1 then was granted a divorce by Judge Dunne.

The relatives of both the Mrs. Met-calfs and those of the accused man-held a consultation, and it resulted in a petition for habeas corpus being filed. The matter was explained to Judge Chetlain and the tangle was straight-ened out.

Crashed Into a Freight Train

Fast Express on the Rock Island Wrecked, Two Killed, Thirty Injured.

PRINCETON, DL. Sept. 7.-The Kansas City fast passenger train on the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific raifroad was Peculiar Phenomenon Along Califor-wrecked a half mile east of Tiskitawa tonight and more than thirty persons were badly injured, two of whom have since died. Others are penned under the wrecked passenger coaches, and as yet have not been rescued

Collided With a Freight. The passenger train collided with the rear end of a freight train that had broken in two. The engineer escaped injury but the fireman was seriously hurt. Half a dozen passenger cars were wrecked and the passengers thrown in every direction, eight landing in a cornfield at one side of the track.

Injured Sent to a Hospital. Many of the injured have been taken to Tiskliawa and others to the hospital at La Salle. Physicians and nurses have been summoned from many of the sur-rounding towns. The full extent of the disaster will not be known for several hours.

PERISH IN A FIRE.

Postmaster at Watsonville, Cal., Victim of Conflagration.

WATSONVILLE, Cal., Sept. 7 .- A fire which started in the Big Creek Power | rence (Dem. and Pop.).

company's plant at Swanton, eighteen miles up the coast from Santa Cruz, last night, spread to the town and soon destroyed the postoffice, stores and sev-eral dwellings. The postmaster, named Soganini, was missed and after a search his body was found in one of the com-rany's water flumes. It is thought that he had gone with some eighty or ninety men to fight the fire and being cut off by the flames, crawled into the flume and was drowned. The loss will probably reach \$40,000, partially insured.

GREAT BILLOWS FROM SEA.

nia and Mexican Coast

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Sept. 7 .- From many points along the southern coast today come reports of damage by great billows which are rolling in from the sea, occasioned by some peculiar phenomenon, possibly volcanic disturbances, far out in the ocean. While there is scarcely a capful of wind, enormous waves, in some instances forty feet high, roll ceaselessly against the shore. Word comes today that the wharf at Hueneme is doomed to total destruction. At Terminal island the sea has wrought considerable havoc, and hundreds of men are at work piling up sacks of sand to form breakwaters. Several cot-tages are inundated. At Long Beach and at Ocean Park the pleasure wharfs have been damaged considerably and no one is permitted to go on them. The heavy sea has been running for several days, but today they are higher than before and more damage may be done.

Nominated for Congress. Fourth Kansas district-F. W. Law-

Negro Prisonerls Smoked Out of Jail

Fire Department Held Back by Mob, Murdered Seized and Hanged at Huntsville.

HUNTSVILLE, Ala., Sept. 7 .- Affer setting fire to the jail and smoking out the prisoner while the fire department was held at bay with guns and the Sheriff, his deputies and the soldiers outwitted, a mob estimated at over 2000 persons tonight lynched Horace Maples, a negro accused of murdering John Waldrop. The negro was hanged on a tree on the courthouse

Sheriff Stood His Guard.

The crowd began to gather this afternoon and tonight as soon as the details of the crime spread throughout the country, in which Waldrop had a number of try, in which wallard had a number of friends. Before the militia which was ordered from Birmingham by Gov. Cunningham, arrived, the mob had swelled to enormous proportions. The Sheriff and his deputies pluckily stood their ground, but they were powerless before the mob and the fire. The local militia company was called out, but they were outwitted by the men, who conceived the idea of smoking out the prisoner.

Prison Set on Fire.

10.25 o'clock the jail was set At 19:25 o'clock the jall was set on fire in the rear. A dense smoke spread through the upper stories and cells of the building. The fire department was not allowed to approach within a block of the scene, and was driven away with builets. The crowds on the outside would allow no body to enter or come out until Horace Maples was surrendered. The Sheriff and his guards would not give in, but in some manner the negro got through a window

and jumped out of the building into the crowd. He was caught, a rope thrown around his neck and he was taken to the county courthouse. There was an im-mense crowd on the lawn.

Prisoner Confesses Crime. While Maples was confessing his crime and implicating a white man and two more negroes, John H. Wallace, Jr., and Solictor Erle Pettus delivered impassioned addresses trying to dissuade the mob. They were hooted down.

HOT IN SAN FRANCISCO.

Yesterday Warmest September Day Ever Known in the City.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 7 .- The United States weather bureau reports that this was the hottest September day ever known in San Francisco. At 2:45 p. m. the thermometer at the Government station on top of an elevenstory building indicated 100.2 degrees, and the temperature was considerably higher on the streets.

Great Geyser Spouting.

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 7 .- A telegram received in this city from Mammoth Hot Springs, Yellowstone National park, announces that Splendid geyser, in the upper geyser basin, which has been dormant for years, began spouting on Monday afternoon and has been spouting regularly since at intervals of three hours, just as it did years

McVicker Will Probated.

CHICAGO, Sept. 7.—The will of Mrs. Harriet G. McVicker, filed for probate to-day, gives Horace McVicker three-fourths of the income of the estate and Mrs. Clara B. Game of San Francisco a fourth of the income. St. Luke's hospital of Chicago is to get 10,600.

Plurality in Vermont Has Been Increased

Republicans Carry the State by 31,-500; Senate Is Solid; House Has Few Democrats.

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION, Vt., Sept -With only two small towns missing he Republican plurality of 31,500 in yesterday's election is believed to be within

terday's election is believed to be within a few votes of the correct figures. Four years ago it was 31,312. The total vote for Governor without the two towns is: Bell. Republican, 47,991; Parter. Democrat, 16,492, a Republican plurality of 31,443. The missing towns gave a Republican plurality last year of 68.

A tabulation of the returns, compared with those of 1909, show that the Republicans gained in eight counties an aggregate of 998 vot.s. The loss in six counties shows an aggregate of 182, making a net Republican loss of 444.

On the other hand, the Democrats gained in three counties an aggregate of 123 votes, losing in the other elevan an aggregate of 1241, making a net Democratic loss of 1629.

The next Legislature will be more com-

of 1023.

The next Legislature will be more completely controlled by the Republicans than for many years. The returns from 221 towns show that the Senate will be solidly Republican, where last year there were five Democrats.

Returns for the House show 156 Republicans. 30 Democrats, 2 Independents and 2 Citizen members. Last year the Democrats had 50 members in the House.

Jewish Year Book Issued. NEW YORK, Sept. 7.—A Jewish year book just issued for the period from September 10, 1904 to September 29, 1905, the Jewish year 1865, contains statistics showing that the Hebrew population of the world is now 10,252,777, 500,000 of whom reside in New York city.